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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)  
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SUBJECT: Classification of Projects for the  
Clandestine Services

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1. In preparing a budgetary supporting data for the DCI for the FY 54, 55, and 56 Congressional Budgets, this office formulated lists of PP and PM projects by types of activity involved, showing dollar figures for each project for each of the three years covered. Such a breakdown is an essential element of a program budget and provides the DCI with an operational basis for the presentation of the budget. For each of the years indicated the lists were prepared, with the help of the area divisions, on the basis of sub-classes under each of the categories which had been used in the previous year. We had discussed with representatives of the PFC Staff the possibility of other sub-classifications into which operations could be more readily assigned but no progress has been made along these lines.

2. Because of the overlapping nature of many projects which include activities capable of inclusion in more than one category, it was necessary to assign projects to the category which, in the judgement of the area division and Comptroller representatives, was most appropriate. This has led to differences of opinion as to the value of the listings. On the other hand, an analysis of the larger project resulted in their being distributed over several sub-classifications.

3. It is understood that a CS General Plan for FY 1957 - Cold War - has been developed which proposes a classification of four basic missions of the CS on the basis of the principal activities involved. We understand

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coordinated with budget formulation and execution. While this proposed plan has not been examined by the Office of the Comptroller, it is believed that its impact on the budget process should be considered while it is being reviewed.

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4. This office is anxious to further improve the coordination of the budget system with the planning system which we understand is being revised. While it is too late to make any revision in the forms and procedures for use in the formulation of the revised or operating budget for the FY 1956 and the original budget submission for the FY 1957, we believe we should attempt to coordinate the budget and planning systems with the view of developing a more informative basis of presentation for future program and budget material. This office will be glad to cooperate in a study of this problem.

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